

FOI REF: 26/239

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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

- 1) **How many incidents of a retained foreign object post-procedure were logged by your Trust in the past three years? (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25)**
 - a) **Please break down this information by year (as outlined above).**
 - b) **If possible, please break down this information by retained object (including but not limited to the examples listed above).**

Please see the attached document - '26-239 - Number of Incidents of Retained Objects', for the information requested above.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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Financial Year	Tubing	Drill bit fragment	Scissor blade fragment	Needle	Plastic fibre	Swab	Temperature Probe	Total
2022/23	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
2023/24	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
2024/25	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	11